

SENATE No. 459

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen J. Buoniconti

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE RESOLUTION OF AUTO INSURANCE CLAIMS IN EMERGENCIES.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen J. Buoniconti	Hampden

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 8G of chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the
2 following: -

3 Upon the declaration of an emergency in any area of the commonwealth by the governor or upon a
4 declaration by the commissioner of insurance that severe weather conditions or other circumstances have
5 resulted in a claims emergency, any insurer shall have the right to appoint temporary appraisers to
6 facilitate the prompt resolution of claims arising out of such emergency. Such persons shall be deemed to
7 be licensed for all purposes of this section, and such status shall terminate upon a determination by the
8 commissioner of insurance that temporary appraisers are no longer required to facilitate the resolution of
9 such claims.